



**Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development
Alaska Workforce Investment Board**

**Executive Director's Report
January 28, 2010**

The next AWIB meeting is scheduled for February 22nd and 23rd in Juneau at Centennial Hall. The agenda has been finalized by the Executive Committee and staff have begun making all necessary arrangements. The attached agenda includes an update on the Healthcare Workforce Development Plan, briefings from the Department of Labor and Workforce Development, a Gasline Training Plan update, a statewide CTE Plan update, an RTC/RAC update, time allocated for review of proposed STEP regulations, and presentation of the vocational administrator/instructor of the year awards.

I am pleased to announce that Gerry Andrews was named by Commissioner Bishop as the Pipeline Training Administrator effective January 1, 2010 to oversee the planning, coordination, and implementation of the Alaska Gasline Training Plan. Gerry will be working with Jeff Selvey and Helen Mehrkens to develop an integrated Career and Technical Education system for Alaska, and will continue to serve as the state's apprenticeship coordinator. Gerry will be working within the AWIB and we will soon begin recruitment for an Administrative Assistant who will provide support to staff associated with implementation of the Alaska Gasline Training Plan.

A Career and Technical Education (CTE) Work Group meeting was held on January 7th and 8th in Anchorage. Commissioners Bishop and LeDoux, representatives from secondary and postsecondary education, the AWIB Chair, and the State Board of Education Chair participated in the meeting to begin the development of a statewide CTE plan. The purpose of the meeting was to begin development of recommended strategies for the Alaska Career and Technical Education Plan, develop key action steps and a timeline, identify process and timelines for monitoring progress of the State CTE Plan, identify the mission of CTE within Alaska's Education and Workforce Development systems, and review the status of new and ongoing CTE initiatives and partnerships. A considerable amount of work has been completed on the State CTE Plan, and an update will be provided at the February AWIB meeting.

A public notice was issued on January 15, 2010 with proposed changes to the STEP Regulations. A STEP Task Force meeting has been scheduled on February 5th by teleconference to review the proposed changes to the STEP regulations. Any AWIB members who wish to call into the teleconference are welcome. An hour is allocated for public comment for an oral hearing on February 22, 2010 at the AWIB meeting regarding the proposed changes to the STEP regulations. The AWIB will review the proposed STEP regulations on February 23rd, and consider a resolution to approve the STEP regulations.

Committees

- The next Youth Council meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 3rd at 10:00 a.m.
- The next Executive Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 9th at 10:00 a.m.
- The next Workforce Readiness/Employment Placement Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 17th at 3:00 p.m.
- The next Assessment and Evaluation Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 18th at 3:00 p.m.

Important Dates

- The Training Program Performance Report is due to the Legislature by February 19, 2010.
- The next AWIB meeting is scheduled for February 22nd and 23rd, 2010 in Juneau.
- The next AGIA Steering Committee meeting is scheduled for February 24th in Juneau.
- The next Regional Training Center meeting is scheduled for March 1st and 2nd in Anchorage.
- Apprenticeship Award nominations are open through March 15, 2010.
- Public Official Financial Disclosure Forms are due to APOC by March 15, 2010.
- The Apprenticeship Conference is scheduled for April 28, 2010 in Anchorage.
- The ACTE Region V Conference is scheduled for April 29th through May 1st in Anchorage.
- The May AWIB meeting date has been set for May 3rd and 4th, 2010.
- The Alaska Strategic State Plan for Title 1 of WIA and the Wagner-Peyser Act is due to the U.S. Department of Labor prior to the expiration of the current Plan on June 30, 2010.
- The WIA Annual Report is due to the U.S. Department of Labor October 1, 2010.

- The October AWIB meeting date has been set for October 25th and 26th, 2010.